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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: BRITISH REPORT ON NUJOMA'S PRESS
STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL IN LUANDA

1. BRITISH MISSION PASSED TO USUN MAY 11 THE FOLLOWING
REPORT FROM UK REPRESENTATIVE IN LUANDA ON SWAPO
PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA'S PRESS CONFERENCE HELD ON HIS
ARRIVAL MAY 10 IN LUANDA:

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SAM NUJOMA RETURNED TO LUANDA ON THE NIGHT OF
MAY 10. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AIRPORT HE SAID
THAT THE REASON FOR SUSPENDING THE
CONVERSATIONS IN NEW YORK WAS THAT HE HAD TO LEAD
SWAPO FORCES. SWAPO BELIEVED THAT THE ONLY WAY TO
FREEDOM WAS THROUGH THE ARMED STRUGGLE AND THROUGH

POLITICAL MOBILIZATION INSIDE NAMIBIA. THE POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC STRUGGLES STILL HAD TO GO ON BUT FREEDOM DEPENDED ON THE ARMED STRUGGLE. HE SAID SWAPO DID NOT KNOW IF IT WOULD CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS. AT THE MOMENT THE ARMED STRUGGLE WAS THE ONLY WAY TO FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE: THE CONVERSATIONS MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT CONTINUE. QUESTIONED ON REACTIONS TO THE CASSINGA MASSACRE, NUJOMA SAID THAT THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES HAD SAID NOTHING SIGNIFICANT. THEY THOUGHT THAT IT WAS A VIOLENT INCIDENT BETWEEN SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA AND HOPED THAT THE VIOLENCE WOULD END. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE WEST COUNTRIES PUT ECONOMIC INTERESTS BEFORE THE LIVES OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. HE THOUGHT THAT THE CASSINGA ATTACK WAS A CONTINUATION OF THE ATTACKS ON ANGOLA RESULTING FROM THE LATTER'S SUPPORT FOR THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. ANOTHER REASON FOR THE RAID WAS THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS TRYING TO INSTALL A UNITA PUPPET GOVERNMENT IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA. AFTER REAFFIRMING THAT WALVIS BAY WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIAN TERRITORY, HE SAID THAT "THE PRETORIA REGIME BELIEVES, IN THE WESTERN PROPOSAL, THAT DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE FORCE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY, LAW AND ORDER, AND INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION. THEY INTEND THAT THE 50,000 SOUTH AFRICAN

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TROOPS IN NAMIBIA SHOULD BE REPLACED BY POLICE FORCES WHICH MEANS THAT THE PRETORIA REGIME MERELY INTENDED TO CHANGE THE UNIFORM OF SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS FOR THE UNIFORMS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE." NUJOMA ENDED THE PRESS CONFERENCE WITH AN APPEAL FOR UNITY AMONG THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. IN A COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED TODAY, THE MPLA POLITICAL BUREAU CONDEMNS THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAID ON CASSINGA AND ALSO WARNS THE IMPERIALIST POWERS WHO SUPPLY ARMS TO THE RACIST SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERY OF THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH MAY ARISE FROM THE REPETITION OF SUCH AGGRESSIVE ACTION BY SOUTH AFRICA. END TEXT. YOUNG

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